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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of House Foreign Affairs Committee (HFAC)
Staffers on Pakistan

1. On 9 August 1984, House Foreign Affairs Committee staffers Arch Roberts, Toni Verstandig, and Bill Fite were briefed on Pakistani foreign and domestic policy at 1400 in 7F27 Headquarters. The DI briefers were [redacted] of NESA and [redacted] of OSWR. [redacted]

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2. The briefing covered an overview of the Pakistani internal scene, including speculation that President Zia would hold national elections, as promised, in March 1985. The briefers noted that Zia is unlikely to face a significant, united political opposition. The economy has hit a slowdown, mainly due to falling remittances from Pakistanis employed in the Middle East, but the GNP continues to grow at an acceptable rate. The briefing then turned to military procurement and a discussion of arms deliveries [redacted]

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3. With regard to Afghanistan, the situation was viewed as a growing problem for Pakistan in its relations with the USSR. The briefers indicated that Moscow may apply more pressure on Islamabad in an effort to curtail Pakistani support for Afghan insurgents. [redacted]

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5. The staffers asked to see a SNIE on Indo-Pakistani relations that will be published soon. I explained the estimate process and said I would forward their request to the National Intelligence Council. [redacted]

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